

Trucker Update

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Event Overview:

- **Approximately 5 demonstrators** are reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **Approximately 20 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the surrounding area.**

Communications:

- There are about 250 articles in media monitoring this morning related to the demonstrations and latest developments.
- Last evening, Minister Mendicino [Tweeted](#) that he has approved a request from the City of Ottawa for additional RCMP officers in the city. Much of the news coverage focuses on this element, as well as how other cities such as Quebec and Toronto are planning and preparing for parallel demonstrations in their own cities this weekend. The tone is somewhat tense, with Toronto Mayor John Tory vowing they will not allow the same thing to happen there as what is currently going on in Ottawa.
- RCMP will be deploying resources, as of today, in support of Ottawa Police Services. **RCMP media messaging is in approval. Will forward when signed off.**
- Ottawa Police Chief Sloly held a news conference earlier this morning on OPS enforcement plans for the weekend. **Transcript and news release attached.**
- Bloc Québécois Leader Yves-François Blanchet held a news conference at 10:45 this morning regarding what he calls "the ongoing 'siege' of the Parliamentary Precinct". It is also anticipated that Toronto Mayor Tory will also hold a news conference today. We will continue monitoring
- There have been two media requests to the RCMP: One from Global News looking for info/comment on how the RCMP will be supporting enforcement efforts (#s of members, what will they be doing, etc), and another unrelated to this matter.

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